

on the west coast of France; and it frequently visits the English Channel, pursuing the shoals of mackerel and pilchards. In the Museum of the College of Surgeons is the skeleton of a fine adult animal, which when alive must have been about seven feet long, taken near the beginning of the present century at Worthing. Northwards of this locality it appears to become rare. Van Beneden does not include it among the Cetacea frequenting the Belgian coast, as he was not able to find any example of its capture in the North Sea. Specimens, however, are occasionally met with on the coast of Norway and Deumark, as mentioned by Lilljeborg and Reinhardt; and although it is included in many of the lists of the Cetacea of the Greenland Seas, it is doubtful whether some of the species of *Lagenorhynchus* may not have been mistaken for it.

Mr. Buckland has added a cast of this specimen to his valuable series of models of Cetacea, which exhibit better than any other method yet devised the form, proportions, and colour of these animals, otherwise so difficult of preservation.

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Prof. Flower, F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

The Secretary read the following report on the additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April 1879:—

The total number of registered additions to the Society's Menagerie during the month of April 1879 was 110, of which 3 were by birth, 77 by presentation, 3 by purchase, 8 by exchange, and 19 were received on deposit. The total number of departures during the same period by death and removals was 115.

The most noticeable additions during the month of April were as follows:—

1. Two Lanceolated Jays (*Garrulus lanceolatus*, Vigors) from the Himalayas, received in exchange April 1st. This fine bird, a close ally of our well-known Jay, has not, so far as I am aware, been brought to Europe alive previously.

2. Two female Roe-deer (said to have been brought from China, and purchased by one of the Society's correspondents at Marseilles), received in exchange April 3rd. These Deer are probably referable to the *Capreolus pygargus* (Pallas), and differ from the European species in having a longer body and head, and being higher on the legs. The colour is much darker, and appears to be red in the summer coat. The ears are longer and more pointed.

3. A fine young male of the Japanese Goat-Antelope (*Capricornus crispus*¹) presented by the Society's Corresponding Member, Mr. H. Pryer, of Yokohama, Japan, and received April 12th.

We owe Mr. Pryer many thanks for the trouble he has taken in obtaining for us this fine and rare animal, the first of its species which has ever reached us.

4. An Alpine Accentor (*Accentor alpinus*) received in exchange April 30th, being, it is believed, the first example of this little bird obtained in captivity.

¹ *Antelope crista*, Siebold, Faun. Japon. Mamm. p. 55, tab. xvii.

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